Happy New Year

We are cleaning out the cobwebs and invoicing our goods to see if we have goods enough and credit enough to run another year. We'll tell you all about it next week.

In the meantime we wish you a happy, prosperous 1910.

Webb Brothers Mercantile Co.

SARCOXIE HAS BAD CONFLAGRATION.

General Merchandise Store of S. J. Barber Destroyed .-Total Loss \$25,000.

Sarcoxie, Dec. 30 -At 2 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in Pelsue's drug store on the north side of the square. The entire stock, valued at \$4,000, was destroyed. Mr. Pelsue carried some insurance, and the building, owned by Mrs. J. H. Hines, was insur- required to report within ten minutes. ed for \$3,000. The M. W. A., whose hall was above the store, lost all their fixtures with only small insurance.

The fire spread rapidly to the adjoinbuilding owned by Mrs. J. P. Boyd and from the audience, which was largely occupied by Sam Barber of Carthage composed of noti saloon workers. with a general stock valued at \$7000. Barber had \$4000 on his stock, and the building was insured for a small am-

brick building unoccupied was somebuildings burned were among the best ings and stocks is estimated at \$25,000.

CAPITAL.

\$25,000 00.

Local Option Election at Joplin YOUNG JASPER MERCHANT Jan 27.

Joplin, Dec. 29 -- A special city election to decide if the sale of liquor is to H. J. Deardorff and Miss LuCreta be prohibited in Joplin was called for January 27, 1910, by the city council last night, following the presentation of a petition signed by 1,150 citizens and accompanied by considerable oratory.

The council was packed when the petition, many feet in length, was presentnd by Councilman Wiley. It was read without comment. Wiley proposed it be referred to a committee of three for investigation and that the committee be

A resolution, calling the election for January 27, was passed by a vote of eleven to two.

The passage of the resolution was greeted with unbounded enthusiasm

Friday's sleet storm and subsequent thaw and still more subsequent freeze ruined all the skating, and the young At 3 o'clock the fire department had folks are all disgusted thereat. Up to the fire under control. An adjoining that time the skating was the best ever known. A solid foot, or so, of ice still what damaged by fire and water. The tops the ponds, but their popularity as pleasure resorts has departed until after on the square. The total loss on build- the next good thaw and freeze, which may be quite a way in the future.

\$5,000.00

TAKES A BRIDE.

Hill Wed Last Evening at Carthage.

Homer J. D. sydorff of Jasper and Miss LuCreta Hill of Carthage were married last evening at six o'clock at the beme of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hill, 812 Walnut street, Carthag. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Deakins of this city, who us ed the ring ceremony. Both the bride and group were attired in traveling iress and left immediately following the nuptials for Sibutos. Okla., to visit the ering that attracted perhaps the most free of this week with the bride's sister, attention was a centerpiece on the din-Mrs. R. D Purcell. They are expected to arrive in Jasper next Wednesday, and for the present will be at home with the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Deardorff. Their friends here are auxiously awaiting the opportunity to congratula e the happy pair, than whom few young people have enjoyed more popularity here.

Mr. Deardorff is the son of one of our best and most influential families. He has lived in or near Jasper all his life and is generally regarded as a young man who has it in him to make good in life's battle. He recently became part owner and manager of the McCubbin-

Deardorff clothing store here. The new Mrs. Deardorff is a Carthage girl, but is probably better known bere than in her home town, having spent the past four years here as bead trimmer in the Campbell (Cassady) millinery store. There is probably no young lady in our city that enjoys more general esteem and respect. During ber four as a Jasper kirl, and are glad to know she is to continue in that role, though under a new name.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Spaid and Mrs. Deakins were the only Jasper guests at

Carthage's Water Troubles.

Carthage, not yet out of her bitter water fight with the old company, is into another with herself that promises to be just about as bitter. The trouble is caused by the determination of the board of public works to charge a mini mum rate of 50c a month for meters whereas the old company charged 25straight per thousand, and the consumer paid for just what he got. There is much dissatisfaction with the policy of the board, and the patroonge of the water plant is apt to be much affected

H. Beal and W. A. Austin returned Friday from McComb, Ills, where they completed the realty deal told of in last weeks News, by virtue of which Mr. Austin's Berton county farm (the old Geo Metzger place) and other land near Kenoma was traded to C. F. Moulton of Adrain, Mo., in exchange for \$21,500 in McComb income property and \$7,230 eash. Mr. Moulton is expected here to

Dyson Roberts entertained a number of friends at home Tucaday evening.

Starbuck Family Reunion.

C. R. Randolph and C. E. Starbuck came up from Afton, Okla, to spend Christmas with Messrs and Mmes. E L. Thomas and W. C. Thomas, so that the Christmas dinner at the elder Mr. Thomas' home took on the nature of a Randolph, and Mr. and Mrs. Giliner of Mrs. Randolph's danghter, Miss Lula. It was the first time all these relatives had ever been together, and considering the number of families represented and the distance covered was probably the last time also. One feature of the gath ering that attracted perhaps the most ing room table in the shape of a twenty pound "gobbler" frem John Keltner's farm. We are fully prepared to believe the weight is not overstated; because after the feast was over enough was left of the bird to satisfy the cravings of an That is not the only reason we hope for another reunion of these good people, but it is one of them.

The Giltners, Randolphs and Starbucks (jr.) all left for home the first of the week.

Prof. A. C. Moon, who was superintendent of the Jasper schools last year, but who now bails from Clinton, is spending the Xmas holidays with his month of December to get over to Jasper every day or so of 1910. Very Resp. during his stay.

We have \$200,000 to loan on Barton, Vernon, Cedar, Dade, Jasper counties at a very low rate of Interest. family reunion. Besides the guesta al- Borrower reserves all rendy named there were present Mes, rights in regards to Huntington, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. payments. Loans made Milton Starbuck of Jasper, also Mr. and and passed on quickly. Call or write.

> Bassett Realty Co. Lamar, Mo.

Griffith Named for DeArmond Seat.

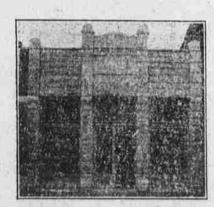
Butler, Mo., Dec. 28-Philip S. Griffith of Greenfield, Dade Co., was named by acclemation here today by the Republicans of the sixth Missouri district as candidate for congress to succeed the always ravenous editor and his wife. late David A. DeArmond. The convention was to session but one hour. On December 24 the Democrats named C.C. Dickinson of Clinton as their candidate. -Associated Press Dispatch.

Notice.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to Crandall Bros. and approvince the 'av . prove it to us by on he to the species up during the We do not like to parents near Preston and has occasion carry these accounts over into the year

The First National Bank

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E. L. THOMAS, President. W. C. THOMAS. Cashier.

J. WESLEY SPAID,

Your Business Solicited.

Resolutions for 1010

Last year we made and published in the "News" a list of New Year Resolutions. We spent a good deal of time evolving a list we knew to be worth keeping and possible to keep. On checking up we find we have kept them all, and we are so well satisfied with result that we have adopted the whole list over again for 1910. Here they are:

We are going to treat our customers better in 1910 than ever before.

We are going to sell more drugs in 1910 than ever be-

We are going to maintain the present standard of excellence-it could hardly be improved-of everything sold in this store, including the purity of cur drugs and the accuracy of our prescription department.

We are going to have NOT ONE SINGLE DISSATIS-FIED CUSTOMER or know the reason why.

We are going to keep all these resolutions. Watch us.

Dr. Schooler

South Side Drug Store.